1	2	3
25.	Nagaland	06
26.	Orissa	24
27.	Pondicherry	04
28.	Punjab	17
29.	Rajasthan	32
30.	Sikkim	03
31.	Tripura	04
32.	Uttar Pradesh	66+01*
33.	Uttaranchal	12
34.	West Bengal	06
	TOTAL:	509+2

*One State level JNV each sanctioned in Districts, Sirsa (Haryana) and Allahabad (U.P.).

Affairs of ICHR

351. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) is accused of financial bungling involving its present or former officials;

(b) whether it is a fact that the ICHR Chairman is accused of spending funds reserved for the Indo-European language project;

(c) if so, whether Government have made any investigations in this regard; and

(d) the details of the action proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) The Government have, on 6th September 2004, appointed Shri D. Bandyopadhyay, Executive Chairperson, Council of Social Development and former Secretary to the Government of India to review the work of Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) and to hold inquiry into the affairs thereof. The terms of reference of the Review are as follows:—

(i) review the administrative and financial functioning of the Council in relation to aims and objectives as laid down in its Memorandum of Association (MOA)/Rules;

(ii) probe into non-publication/stoppage of volumes of 'Towards the Freedom Project;'

(iii) probe into non-submission of research work by scholars, who were given fellowship by the Council during 1995-96 —2000-01, as highlighted in the Report of the C & AG 2002-03;

(iv) probe into complaints/issues which are pending or could be received or referred by the Ministry about the functioning of the Council;

(v) consult eminent historians/academicians on any matter under review, if need be; and

(vi) make such recommendations and suggest remedial measures as are necessary to improve the functioning of the Council and ensure its autonomy.

New category of languages

352. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:
SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to create a new category of languages as classical languages;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have decided to declare Tamil as the first language under the category;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have received any proposal to declare any other Indian languages as classical language; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?